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## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Certain Apparel of Compacted,  
Plied, Ring-Spun Cotton Yarns (Investigation No. 332-465-008)

The U.S. International Trade Commission has initiated a review to provide advice concerning a petition filed under the "commercial availability" provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) and the Andean Trade and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA) on certain compacted, plied, ring-spun cotton yarns. The cotton yarns are 2-ply yarns with yarn counts ranging from 42 to 102 metric, classified in statistical reporting numbers 5205.42.0020, 5205.43.0020, 5205.44.0020, 5205.46.0020, and 5205.47.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. According to the petition, the subject yarns are woven into cotton fabrics in the United States. The woven fabrics are shipped to CBTPA and ATPDEA beneficiary countries for use in the production of trousers, shirts, and blouses.

The petition was filed by AM&S Trade Services, LLP, on behalf of Galey and Lord, Inc., and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on May 23, 2005. The petition alleges that the yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission will conduct the review and provide advice under its investigation No. 332-465, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2005): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible countries from the specified yarns, regardless of the source of the yarns, should CITA determine that the yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission will submit its advice to USTR in a classified report by July 4, 2005, and issue a public version of it soon thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3

copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this review by June 20, 2005. Information on procedures for submitting written statements to the Commission can be found in its notice of investigation, which was published in the *Federal Register* of January 26, 2005 (70 F.R. 3728) and posted on its website at [http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed\\_reg\\_notices/332/332\\_465\\_institution01242005sgl.pdf](http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/332/332_465_institution01242005sgl.pdf).

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